Dominant Function of a Riddle in Russian and English Fairy-Tale Discourse

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**Abstract:** The article is devoted to the analysis of the functional features of an enigmatic text within the framework of Russian and English fairy-tale discourse. The study reveals the structural constituents, national and cultural aspects of riddles in a fairy-tale discourse. The traditional plots of Russian and English riddle-based fairy-tales have been analyzed.

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